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1. FRANK NAJOR, PRESIDENT OF APEX COMPANY, 354 11TH AVE.,
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101, VISITED USINT JULY 30. NAJOR IS AN
AMERICAN CITIZEN OF IRAQI DESCENT AND HAS SEVERAL BUSINESSES
IN SAN DIEGO INCLUDING A TRAVEL AGENCY. IN MARCH 1978, HE
VISITED IRAQ AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
DIVISION OF CARNATION COMPANY AND WAS INTERESTED IN PROMOTING
SALES OF CARNATION DAIRY PRODUCTS. NAJOR INFORMED USINT
THAT IN FEBRUARY 1978 HE HAD SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED SALE
AND DELIVERY OF 25,000 CASES OF CARNATION CANNED MILK
SHIPPED FROM HOLLAND. IRAQI PURCHASER WAS THE MINISTRY OF
HEALTH.

2. NAJOR, WHO CLAIMS TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN FACILITATING
CONTACTS BETWEEN GOI OFFICIALS AND IRAQI-AMERICANS ON THE
WEST COAST, CALLED ON DR. RIAD IBRAHIM HUSSEIN, GOI
MINISTER OF HEALTH, A PERSONAL FRIEND WHOM HE ASSISTED
DURING HUSSEIN'S LATE 1977 VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.
HUSSEIN TOLD HIM THAT THE GOI HAS INVITED A DELEGATION
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OF 50 AMERICAN DOCTORS TO VISIT IRAQ IN OCTOBER OF THIS
YEAR. A NUMBER HAVE AGREED AND WILL BE BRINGING THEIR
WIVES, WHICH MAY INCREASE THE TOTAL SIZE OF THE DELEGATION
TO APPROXIMATELY 100 MEMBERS.

3. THIS IS THE FIRST INDICATION OF POSSIBLE U.S. MEDICAL
DELEGATION VISIT TO IRAQ. THE NEWS IS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING

IN VIEW OF RECENT CRITICAL STATEMENTS MINISTER OF HEALTH
HUSSEIN MADE AGAINST U.S. DRUG AND PHARMACEUTICAL
MANUFACTURERS AS REPORTED IN REF A. ON THE OTHER HAND,
IT MAY BE PART OF GOI EFFORT TO TEMPT ARAB DOCTORS IN
U.S. TO RETURN TO IRAQ (REF B).

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT HAS ON
PROPOSED VISIT.
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